

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A surgical aid assembly for attachment to a bone of a patient, the patient further having a tissue, the surgical aid assembly comprising:

 a securing mechanism, wherein said securing mechanism consists of only one bone screw;

 a body having a first surface longer than a second surface, wherein the first surface is parallel to a longitudinal axis of the body, and the body having a first aperture on the first surface and a second aperture on the second surface both sized to receive said securing mechanism, wherein an axis is disposed along a passageway between the first aperture and the second aperture, further wherein the axis of the passageway obliquely traverses the longitudinal axis of the body, and wherein the securing mechanism is inserted through the first aperture and the second aperture and inserted into the patient's bone for temporarily stabilizing the image tracker to the patient's bone;

 an attachment point disposed on the body for attaching an image tracker to the body; and at least one stabilizing projection to seat the body to the patient's bone or tissue, wherein the at least one stabilizing projection is positioned on the second surface of the body; and

wherein said securing mechanism is inserted through said first aperture and said second aperture and inserted into the patient's bone for temporarily stabilizing the image tracker to the patient's bone.

an inner flange within the passageway between the first aperture and the second aperture.

2. - 11. (Cancelled)

12. **(Currently Amended)** A surgical aid assembly for attachment to a patient's bone, comprising:

an image tracker;

a mounting base for stabilizing the image tracker, the mounting base including a body having a longitudinal axis, and having an entrance aperture and an exit aperture and a passageway therebetween; wherein the passageway has a central axis that obliquely traverse the longitudinal axis of the mounting base;

means for securing the base to the patient's bone, wherein said means for securing is sized to be received in said passageway[[;]], wherein the means for securing is inserted through the entrance aperture, the passageway, and the exit aperture and inserted into the patient's bone for temporarily stabilizing the image tracker;

means for stabilizing the body from rotating; and

means for attaching the image tracker to the body; and
an inner flange within the passageway.

~~wherein said means for securing is inserted through said entrance aperture, said passageway, and said exit aperture and inserted into the patient's bone for temporarily stabilizing the image tracker.~~

13. **(Previously Presented)** The surgical aid assembly of claim 12, wherein said means for stabilizing comprises at least one projection.

14. **(Previously Presented)** The surgical aid assembly of claim 13, wherein said at least one projection is positioned on a bottom surface of said body.

15. **(Previously Presented)** The surgical aid assembly of claim 13, wherein said at least one projection comprises a pin.

16. - 25. **(Cancelled)**

26. (Currently Amended) A surgical aid assembly for attachment to a patient's bone, comprising:

an image tracker;

a device for stabilizing the image tracker to the patient's bone, the device including a body comprising:

a plurality of surfaces comprising:

a top surface;

a bottom surface;

a first side surface; and

a second side surface[[;]], wherein the first side surface and second side surface are longer than the top surface and bottom surface and wherein a longitudinal axis is parallel with the first side surface;

a first aperture disposed on said top surface;

a second aperture disposed on at least one of the surfaces selected from the group consisting of:

~~said bottom surface;~~

said first side surface; and

said second side surface;

a passageway between said first and second apertures, the passageway having an inner flange, an axis[[;]] and a set screw operable with the passageway to secure said bone screw in place within the passageway, wherein the axis of the passageway obliquely traverses the longitudinal axis of the body and

a projection disposed on at least one of the surfaces selected from the group consisting of:

said second side surface of said body; and

said bottom surface of said body;

a mounting post disposed on said body and operable to releaseably attach the image tracker to said body; and

a securing mechanism consisting of a single bone screw;

wherein said first and second apertures are both sized to receive said bone screw; and

wherein said bone screw is adapted to be inserted through said passageway and into the patient's bone for temporarily stabilizing the image tracker.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) A surgical aid assembly for attachment to a patient's bone, comprising:

an image tracker;
a device for stabilizing the image tracker to the patient's bone, the device including a body comprising:
a plurality of surfaces comprising:
a top surface;
a bottom surface;
a first side surface; and
a second side surface[[;]], wherein the first side surface and second side surface are longer than the top surface and bottom surface and wherein a longitudinal axis is parallel with the first side surface;
a first aperture disposed on said first side surface;
a second aperture disposed on at least one of the surfaces selected from the group consisting of:
said bottom surface; and
said second side surface;
an inner flange, an axis[[;]] and a set screw operable with the passageway to secure said bone screw in place within the passageway, wherein the axis of the passageway obliquely traverses the longitudinal axis of the body; and
a projection disposed on at least one of the surfaces selected from the group consisting of:
said second side surface of said body; and
said bottom surface of said body;
a mounting post disposed on said body and operable to releaseably attach the image tracker to said body; and
a securing mechanism consisting of a single bone screw;
wherein said first and second apertures are both sized to receive said bone screw; and

wherein said bone screw is adapted to be inserted through said passageway and into the patient's bone for temporarily stabilizing the image tracker.

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Previously Presented) The surgical aid assembly of Claim 1, wherein the at least one stabilizing projection includes a pin that is removably attachable to the body, the pin being securable to the body by a set screw associated with the body.

31. (Previously Presented) The surgical aid assembly of Claim 12, wherein the means for stabilizing includes a pin that is removably attachable to the body, the pin being securable to the body by a set screw associated with the body.

32. (Previously Presented) The surgical aid assembly of Claim 26, wherein the projection includes a pin that is removably attachable to the body, the pin being securable to the body by a set screw associated with the body.

33. (Previously Presented) The surgical aid assembly of Claim 28, wherein the projection includes a pin that is removably attachable to the body, the pin being securable to the body by a set screw associated with the body.

34. (Previously Presented) The surgical aid assembly of Claim 1, wherein the attachment point includes a mounting post disposed on said body and operable to releaseably attach the image tracker to said body.

35. (Previously Presented) The surgical aid assembly of Claim 12, wherein the means for attaching includes a mounting post disposed on said body and operable to releaseably attach the image tracker to said body.